

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): AIKAWA et al

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 25, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

Please amend the abstract to read as follows: